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Amendment dated November 29, 2005
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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 12 are pending in this application. However, there are only 11 claims in actuality. Claim 12 (now claim 11) has been amended to correct a claim numbering error.

In an Office Action dated 20 October 2005, the Examiner objected to the disclosure at page 5, lines 1 - 4. The specification has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection.

In an Office Action dated 20 October 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 - 3 and 8 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Houde (US Patent No. 5,797,094) and objected to claims 4 - 7 and 9 - 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have cancelled claims 2, 3, and 8 and have added new claims 12 - 19.

The Houde patent discloses a cellular communications system including a mobile station that shifts periodically between a stand-by operating mode where communications are possible and a deep sleep operating mode wherein communications are impossible and battery power is conserved. Thus, while the mobile station is in deep sleep mode, message transmissions to the mobile station are impossible. The messages are, however, stored for later delivery, and a record of the stored, undelivered messages is maintained for future access. When the mobile station emerges from deep sleep, the maintained message record is checked, and the stored messages for the awakened mobile station are retrieved and delivered.

The present system forwards the message waiting indication data to Mobile Switching Centers whose service areas overlap with the service area of the Mobile Switching Center presently serving this mobile subscriber's wireless communication device. In this manner, any one of these Mobile Switching Centers can update the mobile subscriber with regard to message waiting indications. This is accomplished by the use of the ISPAGE message which is used to forward the message waiting indication data to Mobile Switching Centers whose service areas overlap with the service area of the Mobile Switching Center presently serving this mobile subscriber's wireless communication device.

The Examiner indicated allowable subject matter and Applicants have cancelled claims 2, 3, and 8 and has amended claims 1 and 9 to incorporate the limitations indicated as allowable subject matter into claims 1 and 9. Therefore, Applicants believe that independent claims 1 and 9 and

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dependent claims 4 - 7, 10, and 11 are now allowable. In addition, method claims 12 - 19 corresponding to allowable apparatus claims 1, 4 - 7, and 9 - 11 have been added and are believed allowable for the reasons noted above.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 013436.0283C1US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,
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